

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The circular saw of claim 16, wherein the cover defines a recess, the quick-locking member including a locking portion engageable with the recess to lock the cover to the housing.

7. (Currently Amended) The circular saw of ~~claim 17~~ claim 16, wherein the cover at least partially covers a portion of the circular saw blade above the shoe plate.

8. (Previously Presented) The circular saw of claim 16, wherein the quick-locking member is a latch.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The circular saw of claim 16, wherein the housing defines a handle portion gripable by a user, the quick-locking member being connected to the housing near the handle portion.

11. (Previously Presented) The circular saw of claim 16, further comprising a second locking assembly cooperating with the quick-locking member to selectively lock the cover to the housing.

Claims 12-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A circular saw comprising:

- a housing;
- a motor at least partially positioned within the housing and operable to drive a circular saw blade;
- a shoe plate connected to the housing and engageable with a surface of a workpiece to support the circular saw upon the workpiece, the circular saw blade being disposed both above and below the shoe plate;
- a cover selectively connectable to the housing, the cover at least partially covering the circular saw blade when the cover is connected to the housing; and
- a quick-locking member connected to one of the housing and the cover and engageable with the other of the housing and the cover to selectively lock the cover to the housing without the use of tools;

wherein the quick-locking member is connected to the housing and is engageable with the cover;

wherein the quick-locking member has a first position, in which the quick-locking member engages the cover to lock the cover to the housing, and a second position, in which the quick-locking member is disengaged from the cover and the cover is not locked to the housing;

wherein the quick-locking member is pivotable between the first position and the second position;

wherein the quick-locking member includes a first member connected to the housing, a second member connected to the first member and pivotable relative to the first member, and a third member connected to the second member and pivotable relative to the second member, the third member being engageable with the cover to selectively lock the cover to the housing; and

wherein the third member is engageable by a user to move the third member into and out of engagement with the cover to lock and unlock, respectively, the cover from the housing.

Claims 17-45 (Cancelled)

46. (Previously Presented) The circular saw of claim 16, further comprising a spring engageable with the quick-locking member to releasably retain the quick-locking member in the first position.

47. (Previously Presented) The circular saw of claim 16, wherein the quick-locking member includes an over-center biasing latch.

48. (Previously Presented) The circular saw of claim 16, wherein the housing includes a hook member, the cover engaging the hook member at a first end of the cover and the quick-locking member engaging the cover at a second end of the cover to connect the cover to the housing.

49. (Previously Presented) The circular saw of claim 48, wherein the cover includes a pin engageable with the hook member.

Claims 50-61 (Cancelled)